Oklahoma.

Subject to Homestend Entry-Great

The annual report of Governor C. M.

Barnes of Oklahoma has been made public.

In opening he says: "10" and happy, and

she invites all to come and share in her

prosperity and joy. The story of the set-

tlement and progress of the territory reads

almost like a chapter of the 'Arabian Nights,' yet the conquests of the past ten

years but foreshadow a still greater advance, more wonderful achievements, more

rapid strides in the future.
"For general prosperity of all classes,

rapid advancement and bright prospects for the future Oklahoma stands today at the

head of the great commonwealths of Amer-

No enumeration of the inhabitants of the

territory was made during 1890, and the

census of 1898 showed a total population

of 311,400. The governor thinks at the present time the population is 375,000, the great majority being native born. The taxable property of the territory amounts to \$42,382,414, an increase of \$2,358,538 over last year. The school population is 115,000.

Public Lands.

"Owing to the great rush of settlers at

each succeeding opening of Oklahoma lands,

the struggle to get possession of the more valuable pieces, and the constant influx of

settlers each year since, the impression prevails that all the government land in

to \$2.50 per acre."

The governor recommends the leasing of public lands in the territory for stock raising purposes. Much of this land never will be sulfable for homestgads, and it is advisable that some disposition be made of it.

Settlement of Lands. "Three years ago it was generally considered that all of the public lands of Okia-

homa fit for homesteads had been taken up.

and, in fact, many settlers who had taken

government land were about to give it up in discouragement, but the good crops of

WANT BUSINESS SITES

An Inquiry for Land Along the Railroad in

South Washington.

iew Artificial Ice Plant May Be Lo-

cated Here or Large Buildings

for Commercial Uses,

Inquiries have recently been made for

street. Those who have made these in-

quiries have not stated definitely their pur-

pose in desiring to acquire the property,

in contemplation the erection of an arti-

It is not known what interests are repre-

those which are in control of the American Ice Company, the corporation which now embraces practically all the ice compa-

In acquiring some of the local companies

west.

The foundations have been laid for this building, and it is stated to be the intention of the American Ice Company to complete the erection of the building and to estab-

lish an artificial tee plant there.

It is believed that the inquiries which are referred to above are from other interests than those controlling the American Ice Company, and if that is the case the latter concern will have a new competitor in the local market

in this city find that enursed he made are needed to meet the increasing demand. This is said to be the case especially with those concerns handling meat, as it is necthouse that their storage warehouses be

essary that their storage warehouses be convenient to the railfoad tracks, and it is possible the land is wanted for such a pur-pose or for some similar object.

FLOOD IN STUCK RIVER VALLEY.

Acres to Fine Land Destroyed in State of Washington,

threatening some substantial dwellings. It is higher than ever before known since the valley was settled by white men. Several families in the vicinity of Sumner have been compeled to move to escape the tor-

rent.

The rise in the river since the recent heavy rains has been the greatest and most heavy rains has been the greatest and most heavy rains have the river in one to be a second to the recent light and the recent heavy rains and the recent heavy rains are recent to the recent heavy rains have the recent heavy rains and the recent heavy rains have recent the recent heavy rains have recent heavy rains heavy ra

To Pay Of Old Debts.

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KENTUCKY ELECTION CASES.

Rumor of an Injunction to Restrain

Taylor From Acting.

FRANKFORT, Ky., December 7 .- Argu

commissioners is not expected before late

require all of this morning for Judge Har-

gis to deliver the closing argument for

the democratic side, and then the commis-

would be secured restraining Mr. Taylor from acting as governor in case he receives the certificate of election. It was also rumored that the court of appears would hand down a decision in a case from Ohlo county, where tissue ballots were used in

a local election, declaring the election void. This decision would be of service to the

This decision would be of service to the democratic cause by establishing a precedent upon which the state election commissioners might feel compelled to declare vod the election in the counties of Knox, Johnson, Pike and Magoffin, where it is certified that tissue ballots were used. In the course of his argument Judge Harris made the statement that the election officers of Jefferson county had certified under the stress of a writ of mandamus for returns which were false.

In one precinct in Louisville, he declared, 900 votes were cast for state representatives, when only 170 ballots were used, and the election officers so certified.

Judge Hargs said that in one precinct

Judge Hargis said that in one precinct the officers had failed to make a proper re-turn, and when they later went to the county board and offered to make a re-

turn they were not permitted to do so, "If your honors will permit," said Judge Hargis, "I will close by reading, as I am so tired that I have not sufficient energy left to give their dues to this crowd off criminals," shaking his hand toward the

"It would take me a week to read their

clear to mansions below

Judge Hargic concluded at 12:18, having spoken for three hours. Judge Pryor an-rounced that the board would take the arguments under advisements and make their decision knewn tomorrow or next day.

THE SIX-DAY BIKE RACE.

NEW YORK, December 7.-Luck was de-

cidedly in favor of the French contingent

in the six-day bike race at Madison Square

and the dawn of the fourth day found

Chevailier second in the individual scoring.

while he and his team mate, Fischer, stood

fourth in the list, with only five laps be

tween them and Miller and Waller. Con-

sequently, a happy frame of mind was

noticeably evident among the spectators of

that nationality, whose number during the

entire race has been unusually large and enthusiastic.

The French riders' system of alternating every half hour seems to have been of ma-

The feeling that the Fischer and

among the rest of the cracks. Marius has given top the race. He had not been on the track since 6 o'clock this morning, and his team mate. Pastaire, has been making only spasmedic spuris ever since. Consequently, but seven of the original teams are left, and it is not certain that all of these will survive to the finish.

HELD UP BY HIGHWAYMEN.

John Bail's Money Demanded by Ruffinns Last Night.

John Ball, a young man employed as

elerk in Edgar Perry's store at Potomac.

Montgomery county, Md., had an exciting

adventure on the Big Pine road about four

miles from Rockville last night. Potomac

is only a short distance from Great Falls.

and early last night he started to drive to

Rockville, a distance of several miles. It was about 7:30 o'clock when Ball's horse

was stopped by a colored man. While one

man held the horse, a second colored man appeared at the side of the wagon and de-

manded the driver's money.

Instead of giving up what cash he had,

Ball refused the demand, and started to drive off. Then it was that the man at the

side of the wagon drew a revolver and fired several shots at him. Ball was also armed,

and returned the fire, and he believes he shot the man who was at the horses' heads. After emptying his revolver he applied the whip to his horse and drove hurriedly

MR. GOMPERS' INJURIES.

Reported Today to Be Suffering Exeruciating Pain.

Mr. Samuel Gompers, the president of the American Federation of Labor, who was

so severely injured yesterday morning by

accidently colliding while upon his bicycle

with a Columbia electric car on H street

a serious condition. He cannot speak save

in monosyllables, and every effort to do

even this much causes him excruciatir

pain. Many of his friends visited his resi

pain. Many of ms trends visited his residence, No. 327 H street northeast, last night and today. It is understood that Mr. Gompers received his injuries when he attempted to turn out of the way of a cart, and in doing so ran into the car which he did not see. No blame is attached to the motorman.

A Congressional Excursion.

A movement is on foot in the House

among a number of representatives to

make up a party to go to Porto Rico dur-

ing the holidays. Representative Peirce of Missouri is the promoter of the plan. It

is proposed to utilize a government vessel,

between 3d and 4th streets northeast, is it.

Garden throughout the early hours today

republican attorneys.

the authorities cited by the attorneys.

MOLINEUX TRIAL POSTPONED. Death of a Friend of One of the

NEW YORK, December 7.-The work of he prosecution in the Molineux case has ments in the election cases will be conthus far been conducted more rapidly than | cluded this noon, and a decision from the was expected and the case is opening out with reasonable rapidity. The first wit- at night or some time on Friday. It will nesses have been among the most important ones, it is believed, and some of the ocuments exhibited and put in evidence documents exhibited and put in evidence have been among those thought to be given the most weight by the prosecution. Owing to the death of a friend of one of the jurors, the trial was adjourned at the close of the session yesterday until 1 o'clock today. This time was further extended to 2 o'clock, owing to business, which called Recorder Goff away.

WHOLE SQUARE NEEDED.

Projected Establishment by Union Trust and Storage Company.

Preliminary steps have been taken to se tre for the use of the Union Trust and Storage Company, which is to be incorporated under the laws of the District, No. 713. This land is bounded by Delaware avenue, 1st street, K and L streets north ast, and contains about 106,000 square feet The frontage on Delaware avenue is 336 eet, on 1st street 332 feet, on L street 331 eet and on K street 298 feet. It is the purto use this ground as the site of build warehouse and storage purposes, and as the tracks of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad run along 1st street, a siding can be extended into the square, whereby a whole train of cars can be run in under the heds of the company.

While it is not intended to occupy at

While it is not intended to occupy at resent the entire square, yet as the needs of the company require there will be room of the erection of additional buildings. According to the notice made, in accordance with law, the incorporations will apply for uticles of incorporation on Thursday of text week. It is the intention to begin busness as soon as possible, and it is understood that the central effice of the company will be located, for the present at least, in the section of the Willard Hotel building at the corner of 14th and F streets, where there is an entrance from F street.

It is the belief that the entire issue of

there is an entrance from F street.

It is the belief that the entire issue of stock, which is \$1,200,000, in shares of \$100 each, will be taken before the time arrives for offering the stock at public subscription, and it is therefore highly probable that it will not be necessary to offer the that it will not be necessary to offer the stock in this way. The placing of such a large amount of stock exclusively in the hands of local investors is in itself looked named of focal investors is in itself looked-upon as a remarkable achievement, as here-tofore it has been rather difficult for the local market to absorb such a stock issue of equal size. It will be looked upon as-still more remarkable, however, if it will-not be necessary to ask for public subscrip-

CENTENNIAL HOSPITALITY. Arrangements Progressing for the

Arrangements for the board of trade re

ception and dinner to the centennial committee are progressing satisfactorily. Invitations are being prepared and will be sent tomorrow to the governors and senators who are members of what will be an ortage and will be an ortage and will be an ortage and while the component parts meet a committee are progressing satisfactorily. Invitations are being prepared and will be sent to the team, and both are in excellent condition. Fischer led every time he came on the track, and Miller army, with the rank of captain. From captain to major general is a long step, and General Wood appreciates the friendship of the man who has done so much for him. ganization when the component parts meet in this city on the 31st instant. Invitations to the House committee will be forwarded as soon as Speaker Henderson announces among the rest of the cracks. Marius has as soon as Speaker Henderson announces the names of those who will represent the House in the work of preparing for and carrying through the great celebration.

Local interest in the event has been strongly stimulated by the opportunity of fered all members of the board of trade to subscribe toward the entertainment of the distinguished visitors. For more than a week there has been considerable discusclon as to the shape which the city's hos pitality should take. The board of directors of the board of trade talked the matter over and requested a committee to con-sider and report. That committee consult-ed with the Washington members of the centennial committee and then further decentennial committee and then turther usualed the various preparations until it was decided that nothing less than a unnerand the best of dinners—would comport of the guests and the im with the dignity of the guests and the im-portance of the occasion. In this view the portance of the occasion. In this view th board of directors concurred unanimously and the committee was instructed to pro-

eed in accordance with its report.

At the board of trade rooms this aftermoon it was stated that subscriptions was soming in rapidly and that one member Interest was so great that he sent his check for \$50 instead of \$20.

PRISONERS NEARLY ASPHYXIATED. Peculiar Accident From Gasoline in

CHICAGO, December 7.—A special to the Tribune from Springfield, Ill., says: Twenty prisoners in the city calaboos Twenty prisoners in the city calaboose came near being asphyxiated today. They were overcome by gas while attempting to rid the prison of vermin. A number of men were transferred to the county jail, the police were unable to find him. rid the prison of vermin. A number of while some were sent to their homes. Other

prisoners who had only a few more days to serve were released. The men were given two gal'ons of gase line to sprinkle along the crevices of the fron work and the benches. The prisoners then touched a match to the gasoline and immediately the prison was

smoke and gas. The screams of the men attracted the attention of the prison officials, who on opening the iron doors found nearly all of the prisoners lying on the floor in an unconscious condition.

city physician was hurriedly sum The city physician was hurriedly summoned, and upon his arrival the men were carried from the prison into the open air. Stimulants were given them and after several minutes most of them began to revive. They were then walked about the prison property, guarded by officers.

Two boys who were in prison on a charge of burglary and larceny have not yet recovered from the effects of the gas. They were removed to their homes.

NOT BISHOP OF SANTIAGO.

Incorrect Announcement Regarding Mgr. Sbarretti.

It is said at the apostolic delegation here that the announcement cabled from Rome of the appointment of Mgr. Sbarretti was appointed bishop of Santiago de Cuba is in an error. Quite recently Mgr Sbarretti
was appointed bishop of Havana, and that
appointment, the bishop himself says,
stands. He cou'd not be named as bishop
of Santingo as no vacancy exists in that
hishards

AT THE WHITE HOUSE

President Talks Politics With Several Party Leaders.

MARYLAND SITUATION DISCUSSED

Senator Platt Wants the Next Vice President From New York.

SOME OF TODAY'S CALLERS

Politics was the foremost topic at the White House today, despite the fact that a uriety of other matters, many of them aportant, were under discussion. As the ne grows nearer for the national convenms of next year the greater will become interest shown at the Executive Man-in political affairs. President McKin.ey

il listen to the suggestions of the repub can leaders and often will advise with them as to what is best in a certain state He will by no means conduct the republican ampaign from the White House, but as he republican chief he will know the situation in each state, and his advice in the next campaign will be supreme. The President likes to talk with the leaders. It is his way of keeping in touch with the people If he could not maintain this touch by talking with the leaders he would do so by direct communication of some kind with the people themselves.

To Get Together in Maryland.

Today the President talked with Maryland and New York men. The conference about Maryland politics was of decided interest. The men with the President were Senator Wellington and Gen. Felix Agnus of the Baltimore American. The republican divisions in Maryland in the last election are fresh in the public mind. Senator Wellington openly predicted the defeat of his party, and on all suees there were charger of treachery. Gen. Agnus and others are now endeavoring to unite the factions for the presidential campaign of next year. With these factions united the republicans assert that Maryland will be absolutely safe for McKinley next year. Unless there is harmony Bryan, it is predicted, will carry the state.

President McKinley desires to see the republican forces in fighting trim and hopes that the present efforts will bear fruit. Two or three days ago he talked on politics with Senator McCombs. Senator Wellington did n'arly all the talking today, and tion are fresh in the public mind. Senator

ties with Senator McComas. Senator Wel-lington did nearly all the talking today, and in his impetuous manner told the President everything. "I told the President," he said, "just how things stand in Maryland. I think he should know." Exactly how far he went into the details is a matter of spec-ulation, but it is understood that he spoke of what he regards as unfair treatment of himself, and then gave his idea of what is necessary to future republican success in name.t, and then gave his tica of what is necessary to future republican success in the state. Notwithstanding the bitterness of his feelings to certain Mary;and leaders and of his peculiar position to the admin-istration, it is said that the senator is deistration, it is said that the senator is de-sirous of seeing the party in his state solidified. Personally, he is said not to be a candidate for re-election as senator, and therefore declares that his advice is en-tirely unselfish, leaving out the question of whether or not it looks toward revenge. Gen. Agnus, it is stated, has recently had conferences with practically all of the Maryland leaders. He thinks it is best to try to effect reconciliations before the divisions grow more intense and consequently spoil all chance for republican success a year from now.

Senator Platt's Views.

Senator Platt of New York was with the President some time, and both national and state politics were talked about. The New York senator is making every effort to se cure the vice presidential nomination for his state, and he is said to have persuaded the President that New York ought to have the place. The President will have much the place. The President will have much to say as to who will be his running mate, and, Senator Platt knows that. If they can agree upon the man, the republican convention next year may have nothing to do but decide upon a piatform. The President may have his choice, but he would not press that choice should it be disagreeable to Senator Platt. Therefore it is better that there shail be an understanding.

Some of the Day's Callers.

General Leonard Wood called at the White House this morning, but the President had gone out for his morning stroll General Wood walked out and overtook the President and the two finished the walk together. General Wood desired to thank ne team, and both are in general of volunteers. General army, with the rank of captain. From captain to major general is a long step, and General Wood appreciates the friendship of the man who has done so much for him. Other callers were Senators Baker, Foster, Money, Pettus, Lindsay, Daniel and Kean, Representatives Brosius, Loud, Updegraff, Pierce and Robbins.

The entire Wisconsin delegation called to ask the President to extend clemency to a Wisconsin soldier who is under sentence of court-martial in the Philippines. The soldier is from Representative Minor's district.

A MODEL POST OFFICE.

It Will Be an Exhibit at the Paris Exposition.

Some months ago Commissioner Peck of the Paris exposition visited the Post Office Department for the purpose of interesting officials in an exhibit for the exposition. He saw First Assistant Postmaste General Perry S. Heath and the two had a long conference over the subject. General Heath thought it would be interesting and instructive to have in the American building a model post office showing all the improved American methods for handling the mails. Commissioner Peck thought well of the idea, and General Heath promised to perfect it and communicate with him later. The perfection of the plan involved the co-operation of the dealers in post office supplies, since dealers in post office supplies, since there was no fund from which the department could draw for the expense of setting up the exhibit. The dealers as soon as they heard of the proposition came to the front, and already the department has assurance of enough supplies to make a very creditable showing. Everything promised will be of the very best, and the lock boxes a one will represent an expenditure of several thousand dollars. General Heath recently improved the idea by making the Company, and it that is the case the latter concern will have a new competitor in the local market.

It is not improbable, however, that those who have been looking for sites in the vicinity of the railroad have no intention of utilizing the ground when purchased by putting up an ice plant. It is said those who are engaged in other lines of business in this city find that enlarged facilities are needed to meet the increasing demand. of several thousand dollars. General Heath recently improved the idea by making the exhibit practicable, not only as a means of showing the operation of an American post office, but also as a place for handling the mail of the Americans visiting the exposition. It is the idea of the department to run a through pouch from the United States direct to the exposition grounds. Here the mail will be assorted by several clerks detailed from the post office at Washington.

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Washington.
While each clerk has been selected, there are at least a thousand applications on file and they are coming in every day. It is considered a fine detail to be sent to Paris considered a fine detail to be sent to Paris and kept there at the government expense for several months. It may be said upon thority that no new appointments will be made, and that the details of clerks have all been agreed upon. They are for the most restricted. all been agreed upon. They are for the most part linguists, and thoroughly conversant with post office affiairs.

CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE. Presidential Nominations of Local In-

The Senate in executive session today confirmed the following appointments: Jo seph W. F.fer of Illinois, to be a commis sloner of interstate commerce; Frederick W. Wines of lilinois, to be assistant director of the census; L. A. Dent, to be register of wil's of the District of Columbia

Extra Cars on the Columbia. order to better accommodate the

is proposed to utilize a government vessel, if possible, the members of the party paying their own expenses, however.

The object of the trip would be to enable members of the House to familiarize themselves with the conditions in Porto Rico, so as to legislate more intelligently upon questions concerning that island, to which the President has called attention. in the departments and others who reside in the northeast section of the city the Columbia Railroad Company today be-gan running two extra cars after 3:30 nning two extra cars after 3:30 p.m. Each will make five trips

GOVERNOR BARNES' REPORT THE CHASE TRIAL RESUMED SENATORIAL CONTESTS FINANCE AND TRADE

General Prosperity and Bright Prospects in Proprietor of a Theater Charged With Assaulting a Patron.

Over Six Million Acres of Land Still Defendant's Side of Case, as Represented in Testimony of Himself and Others.

> The hearing of the case of Mr. P. B. who, as stated in The Star of yesterday was then on trial on the charge of assault ing N. E. Wetherless, November 18, was resumed this morning at 11 o'clock.

> Mr. Woodward, counsel for the defense called the attention of the court to the fact that when an adjournment was had last evening there remained unanswered a question propounded by Mr. Mullowny to Witness Stokes as to whether the actual fact was not that Mr. Wetherless was ejected from the first floor of the theater ecause he was a colored man. Mr. Woodward urged that the question was imma

> terial and irrelevant.
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> Mr. Mullowny replied, maintaining that
> the question was right and proper, and
> asked for a ruling of the court upon it.
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> Mr. Woodward again addressed the court along the line of his first argument. Hi objection was sustained, and Mr. Stoke was recalled to the stand.

was recalled to the stand.

Mr. Mullowny asked witness if he
any colored people in the orchestra cl
at the matinee attended by Mr. Viether
The witness answered: "Nurses,
children."

children."
"Did you see any other colored people there?" he was asked.

Mr. Woodward objected to the question, and the court sustained the objection.

Mr. Mullowny questioned Mr. Stokes at considerable length, but the information elicited was not of importance.

An Eve-Witness

prevails that all the government land in the territory is taken up. This is not a fact. There are still 6,383,373 acres of government land in the territory subject to homestead entry. While some of this land is rough, broken and rocky, and by far the greater portion of it adapted to stock raising more than farming, there is still a considerable portion well adapted to agricultural purposes, where the homeless toller from the crowded east or cold, bleak north can secure a home for his family, and by earnest, persevering effort not only live in comfort, but readily attain a competence for old age. This land is to be acquired under the homestead laws by a settler filling on same at the land office, taking up his residence on the land within six months thereafter, and occupying and multiration if the settler and occupying and Mr. William N. Harper, a coal dealer, said he was in the Grand Opera House at the time of the alleged assault. He told of the scene between the manager and Wetner less, heretofore published in The Star, and confirmed what most of the other witnesses confirmed what most of the other witnesses had said about there being great confusion in the theater as the result of the altercation. He asserted that when Mr. Chase demanded the surrender of the seats occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Wetherless, the former, in a defiant manner, refused to give them up.

Policeman Warren testified that he heard Mr. Chase ask Mr. Wetherless for the coupons held by him, but the latter refused to show them. Mr. Chase then tried to put Mr. Wetherless out of the seat, but was unable to do so. The witness and Officer six months thereafter, and occupying and cultivating it for five years. In Greer and Beaver counties the settler gets his land free at the end of five years, his only cost being \$14 filing fees. In the other parts of the territory the land costs him from \$1 to \$2.50 per acre."

unable to do so. The witness and Officer Murphy went to Mr. Chase's aid, and Mr. Wetherless was put out of the theater. The witness denied that any officer tried to choke Mrs. Wetherless, and said she tried to choke Officer Murphy. The witness was shown Mr. Wetherless' torn hat, but he said he did not know how it was in-

Appears in His Own Defense.

Mr. P. B. Chase next took the stand. He is, he said, proprietor of the Grand Opera House. On the occasion of the alleged assault, he added, he received a message that a man had passed the doorkeeper without giving up his tickets. He did not at once respond, and in a little while received a second message. He then went into the orchestra, and Mr. Wetherless was pointed out to him as the man referred to in the message. The witness went to Mr. Wetherless and demanded politely to be shown the coupons for the seats. He refused to comply, and after some little delay he laid his hand on Mr. Wetherless is shoulder and told him he would have to leave the seats. Mr. Wetherless did not comply, and the witness then got Officers Murphy and Warren to eject Wetherless. This was done, he said, as quietly as possible. He also asserted that Mrs. Wetherless bide. assault, he added, he received a message in discouragement, but the good crops of that year turned the tide and all who had land kept it, and in addition, as the story of the prosperity of the territory went out over the country, settlers began to fick in and take up the yearant land, much of which had previously been rejected.

"During the year lending June 30, 1898, 1.121,466 acres were filed upon, making 7,046 quarter sections, with a family on nearly every one.

"The annual reports of the officials of the United States land offices in the territory, just completed, show that 696,747 acres, or 4,167 quarter sections, have been filed on during the year ending June 30, 1898, showing an influx of at least 10,000 families into the territory during the two years to take up unoccupied government land, besides the more than twice as many who bought relinquishments of former settlers on leased school laids.

"There is still in the territory 6,388,373 acres of vacant products." sible. He also asserted that Mrs. Wether less tried to choke Officer Murphy.
On cross-examination, the witness denied that Wetherless at any time during the altercation asked to be shown the right

seats.

This closed the testimony for the defense, and Mr. Wetherless was recalled to the stand in rebuttal.

He denied that Mr. Chase asked him in a quiet manner for the tickets, and asserted that he was not given any opportunity to explain that if he was in the wrong seats he would like to be shown to those for which he held the coupons.

At this point court took a recess for half an hour.

Prayers Granted.

Upon the reassembling of the court at 1 clock this afternoon Mr. Woodward submitted a number of prayers to Judge Scott,

They were granted by the court Mr. Mullowny stated that the prayers were fair and he could not make any serious objection to them, but he asked that Judge Scott in charging the jury should tell them that if they believe the evidence for the government they should render a verdet of smillty.

Mr. Woodward offered one prayer, which Judge Scott overruled.

Mr. Mullowny's offer of instructions was approved by the court.

The case was submitted to the jury with-

out argument, and shortly before 2 o'clock they retired to consider their verdict. The jury had not retired.

Court-Martial Cases. Private Albert Wiswell, Troop H, 3d Cav

dry, having been tried by a general court martial at Fort Myer, Va., and found guilty of drunkenness and disorderly conduct, wa In acquiring some of the local companies the American Ice Company secured two artificial ice plants, one of which belonged to the Hygienic company, which is located in the northeastern part of the city, and the other, known as the Washington company, having a plant in Georgetown.

This latter concern was controlled by the Independent Ice Company, and was transferred with it in the sale of the company to the American Ice Company.

In addition to these facilities for making artificial ice and the natural ice properties which the company also acquired in Maine, it is proposed to erect another artificial ice plant on the property formerly owned by the Independent Company on the river front between 9th and 10th streets southwest. sentenced to be dishonorably discharged the service of the United States, forfelting all pay and allowances due, and to be confined at hard labor for the period of thre months. Private Samuel B. Bell, Troop G, 3d Cay

Private Samuel B. Bell, Troop G, 3d Cavalry, having been tried by a general courtmartial at Fort Myer, Va., and found guilty of violation of the 62d Article of War, was sentenced to forfeit to the United States \$10 of his pay and to be confined at hard labor, under charge of the post guard, for the period of fifteen days.

Farrier John W. Erber, Troop B, 3d Cavalry, having been tried by a general courtmartial at Fort Myer, Va., and found guilty of absence without leave and conduct to

of absence without leave and conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, was sentenced to be confined at hard labor for the period of three months, and to forfeit \$10 of his pay per month during this period.

Private John F. McDermott, Troop B. 3d

Cavalry, having been tried by a general court-martial at Fort Myer, Va., and found guilty of conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, was sentenced order and military discipline, was sentenced to be dishonorably discharged the service of the United States, forfeiting all pay and allowances d.e., and to be confined at hard labor for the period of three months.

Private George Turner, hospital corps, U. S. A., having been tried by a general court-martial at Fort Myer, Va., and found guilty of violation of the 62d Article of War, was sentenced to be dishonorably discharged the service of the United States, forfeiting all pay and allowances due, and to be confined at hard labor at such place as the reviewing authority may designate for the period of one year.

The sentence in each case was approved.

GALIPAGOS ISLANDS.

No Informations as to the Rumor of Their Purchase.

TACOMA, Wash... December 7.—Practically the whole of the Stuck River valley is one vast sheet of water. The river itself is a raging flood, destroying acres of the most productive lands in the state, and threatening some substantial dwellings. It is higher than ever before known since the The State Department has no information that will enlighten the Senate as to the re ported attempt of Great Britain to acquire the Galinagos Islands, as set out in the resolution introduced yesterday by Senator Lodge of Mass. For many years past these rumors of the sale of the islands by Ecua dor have been in circulation at intervals in each case a different nation being named dor have been in circulation at intervals, in each case a different nation being named as the purchaser. In fact, the United States government its if has been charged with such an acquisition, and it was at one time specifically set forth that Mr. Mahanay, at the time United States minister to Ecuador, had secured the cession of the islands.

As a matter of fact, it is said that the records that Ecuador is very jealous of this insular possession, and has looked with disfavor upon all attempts by other nations to secure even a coaling station on the Galipagos Group. The islands lie very much to the southward of any of the usual lines of communicati—between the United

The rise in the river since the recent heavy rains has been the greatest and most rapid eyer known. Seventeen inches in one hour is recorded at Sumner, and now the water is six and seven feet above the ordinary high water level.

The damage throughout the valley as a result of the freshet cannot be estimated. Senator McMillan today introduced in the Senate a biff to redeem certain outstanding certificates of the board of audit of the District of Columbia. The bill directs the Commitstanders to receive and audit several certificates of indebtedness much to the southward of any of the usual lines of communicat! between the United States and Asia, of even Australia, and supposing an isthmian canal to e constructed at any of the points now in contemplation, the islands would still be about 500 miles off its line at the nearest point. As one official public, they would have about as much left, upon the canal traffic as the Morth laye upon the Suez trade. for sums of less than \$100 each for the re-demption of which there is no existing law,

The Case of Mr. Quay to Be Taken Up the 16.h Instant.

Meeting of the Elections Committee Today to Arrange Mode of

Procedure.

The Quay case is to be taken up by the Senate committee on privileges and elec-tions on Saturday, the 16th. It will be the first of the Senate contests to be considered. The committee meeting this morning was attended by Senator Harris, the new member, and ex-Senator Edmunds and Mr. Jerry Wilson, the lawyer, were in attendance to appear in opposition to the seating of Quay if the matter had been taken up at this sitting.

The committee devoted the session to arranging the method of procedure in all the contests, and after deciding to begin with the Quay case, in which there will be no matter of testimony, but merely a question of law, it was decided to get permission

tion of law, it was decided to get permission of the Senate to send for persons and papers and to take testimony in the Clark and the Scott cases.

On Saturday, the 16th, the Quay case will open with the arguments on both sides of the case, ex-Senator Edmunds and Mr. Wilson in opposition to and Attorney General Elkins of Pennsylvania in support of Quay's claim to a seat.

No Reliable Estimate.

A canvess of the situation discloses the fact that a number of republican senators who voted to seat Mr. Corbett upon the appointment of the governor when the legislature had falled to elect are in doubt about

pointment of the governor when the legislature had falled to elect are in doubt about voting to seat Quay, and any estimate in the Quay case based upon the attitude of senators who supported the Corbett claim is likely to be misleading.

Some senators who have been consulted with reference to the Quay case say that in voting at the last Congress to seat Corbett they did so without a full consideration of the broad question involved, being influenced by superficial conclusions. With the question now before them to determine once for all whether the bars are to be let down for governors to appoint senators, they say they will want to consider the question in all its bearings before casting their votes.

The broader aspect of the question will be very carefully considered, and there is good reason to believe that some of the men who voted for Corbett, and are, therefore, counted on for Mr. Quay, will reverse their position on the ground that the principle involved is broader than it appeared on the superficial examination they had made in the first case, and that a serious danger menaces the Senate if the method of chosing its members may be changed from elective to appointive by biocking action in legislatures.

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While uQay's friends are making very determined efforts to win over to his side men who have heretofore taken a position contrary to his present interests, they are apparently going to lose support which they have been assuming to be secure.

GIRLS BURNED TO DEATH Disastrous Fire in Hoslery Factory at Reading. Pa.

READING, Pa., December 7 .- One of the most disas rous fires which has occurred here in years broke out today in the Nolde & Horst hosiery factory, and before the flames were extinguished the plant was completely destroyed. It was valued at \$250,000, on which there is an insurance of \$150,000. The fire originated in the singeing

room from an explosion of gasoline. There were about 600 girls in the build-ing, and these crowded to the roof and fire escapes. As the fire spread with alarming rapidity they were thrown into a general panic and many jumped to the ground, and it is believed at least fifty were in-jured. Some are reported to be in a critial condition

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At 2:30 p.m. two bodies were recovered from the ruins. They were unrecognizable, being burned to a crisp. Three girls are reported missing from their homes and the presumption is they were burned to death.

MEANS MILLIONS TO EMPLOYES. Increase in Maine and New Hamp-shire Mills.

MANCHESTER, N. H., December 7 .-Following the announcement from Boston yesterday that wages at the Amoskeag, Stark and Amory cotton mills here are to be advanced 10 per-cent December 18, Agen Charles D. McDuff of the Manchester Company has declared that his mills also will grant an increase of 10 per cent on December 18. In all, nearly 15,000 hands are affected by the new schedule here.

The par rolls of the mills in Massacha setts aggregate \$112,000 a week. The new rates mean an increase of nearly \$600,000 LEWISTON, Me., December 7.—The milis

of this state will grant the general increase in wages now being arranged in cotton manufacturing towns of New England. manufacturing towns of New England.
Notices of a lo per cent advance are being posted gradually through the cotton districts of Maine. Today the Androscoggin, Continental, Bates and Hill mils of Lewiston announced an increase of 10 per cent to begin December 18. About 5,000 hands are employed by the four corporations.

The Barker mills of Auburn, Farwell mills of Lisbon and other concerns will take some action on the question shortly. The York corporation of Saco will raise wages Monday. The Lockwood mills of Waterville have announced a 10 per cent increase for December 18. The Laconia and Pepper manufacturing companies will increase the pay of their 3,000 employes 10 per cent December 10.

Called at the State Department.

Chas. Page Bryan, the United States minister to Brazil, called at the State Department today to say good-bye to Secretary Hay prepartory to returning to his post at Rio. While at the State Department he met the Brazilian minister Mr. de Assis-Brasil.

Other diplomatic callers upon Secretary Hay today were the ministers or charges from Spain, Colombia, Nicaragua, Guatamala and Venezuela.

Death of Joseph Strong.

CUMBERLAND, Md., December 7 .- Joseph Strong, ninety-seven years old, the oldest resident of Cumberland, died late last night. His career was an eventful one. In his young days he had been a wagoner over the old National pike, bewagoner over the old National pike, be-tween Wheeling, Pittsburg and Baltimore, and a boatman on the Potomac river be-tween Georgetown and Alexandria for twenty-six years, taking down coal and bringing back merchandise. He was for-merly a justice of the peace, and at the time of his death was coroner, baying

Pastor Roberts Calls.

Baltimore Markets.

Bears Successfully Raid the Industrial List Today.

RAILWAY SHARES FAIRLY STRONG

Rumors of Adverse Legislation the Reactionary Argument.

GENERAL MARKET REPORTS

NEW YORK, December 7 .- Higher London prices are again to be credited with sustaining the local stock market during the opening hour. A foreign demand for the Pacific shares served to conceal the absence of real business in the local market, and traders were disposed to cover some of their outstanding contracts in anticipation of a better buying demand. This condition was only temporary, however, as an

tion was only temporary, however, as an early attack on the industrial list again unsettled the entire market.

Tobacco and Steel and Wire were sold down for substantial icsses by an experienced speculative clique. The reason assigned for the attack was that legislation would soon be attempted looking to the carrying out of the President's suggestions. This argument varies from the statement made by certain officials that the newer corporations had been assured by counsel that no violation of the trust law had been sanctioned.

sanctioned.

The feeling of the street, however, is that the industrial shares are suffering most from the disapproval of the banking community, and that lower prices are due to the disturbing of loans. This view is entitled to consideration, since officials are not alarmed, and the entire market is in the hands of professional traders.

The radroad list was moderately steady, although there were evidences of liquidation from time to time in the Traction stocks. The Coal stocks were under pressure during the later trading as the result

stocks. The Coal stocks were under the sure during the later trading as the result of a traders' attack, to be based on their inability to combine for mutual protection under the recent decision of the Suprem Court.

The details of the much-discussed anthra

cite coal combination were never known outside of a few inside circles, and to at cite coal combination were never known outside of a few inside circles, and to attribute the upsetting of these mysterious plans to a legal opinion adds another element of doubt to an already over-doubtful program. The low-priced railway ste ks were moderately firm for a time under the influence of rumors predicting an alliance between Northwestern and Union Pacific. The fact that the presidents of both organizations were in town together was hinted at as the necessary element of proof. The Vanderbill trans-continental project has been so often discussed that rumors of this character always find ready believers. The general market is in a typical December condition. Fears of legislation and the shifting of loans disturb the professional mind and the public is employed in other fields. Commission houses are inclined to recommend a withholding of new business because of the season's unsatisfactory inducements.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL New York Stock Market

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Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

time of his death was coroner, having filled the place for over fifty years. He leaves a widow and one son.

Rev. Mr. Roberts, the colored minister

who is so well known at the District jail, was at the White House today to inquire about the fate of Horton. He said that Horton had asked him to come, as he did not want to stand the suspense any longer. Mr. Roberts did not see the President, and said he would call later.

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